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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. P043D2C3C)

In the Application of: )  
FARMWALD ET AL. ) Group  
Serial No: Continuation of 09/252,997 ) Art Unit:  
Filed: JANUARY 27, 2000 ) Before  
Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT I/O USING A ) Examiner:  
HIGH PERFORMANCE BUS INTERFACE )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced application,  
kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute  
the attached Abstract of the Disclosure.

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the title and substitute METHOD OF OPERATING  
A MEMORY DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA INPUT LENGTH.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 8, insert This application is a continuation  
now U.S. Patent No. 6,034,918  
of Application No. 09/252,997 (still pending), which is a  
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